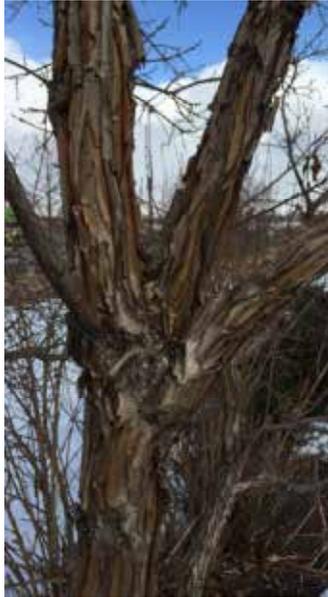


Three-Flower Maple

Acer triflorum



← Fall Color



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Family: Sapindaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: woody, deciduous

Size: 25' to 30' tall and wide, often multi-stem

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4 to 7

Leaves : trifoliate (3-parted), 3" long

Leaf Color: medium to dark green

Fall Color: wonderful reds and oranges - one of its best attributes.

Flower Time: April

Flower Color: greenish-yellow, small insignificant in clusters of three

Fruit: small, winged samaras 1" long

Light: full to part sun

Moisture: well-drained, moist

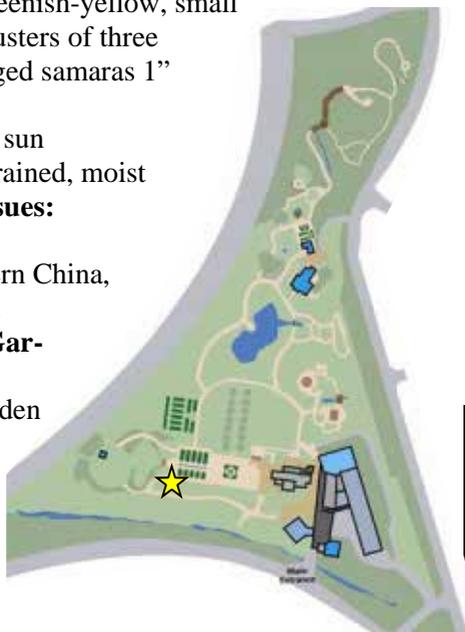
Insect/Disease Issues:

None notable

Nativity: Northern China, Manchuria, Korea

Location in the Gardens:

Antique Rose Garden



Culture & Landscape Value: This small, understory tree is an excellent addition to the home landscape. Its small scale fits perfectly in most gardens. Grown primarily for its small habit, ornamental, exfoliating bark which peels in vertical strips and its exceptional fall color. Grow in medium, well-drained moist soil. Plants tolerate some shade, but have a dense, rounded attractive crown when grown in full sun. Everything about this tree is in threes—clusters of three flowers then fruit and leaves divided into three parts. Often sold as multi-stemmed specimens to showcase the ornamental bark, look for three-stemmed plants to keep up the theme! Exceptionally easy to grow and more winter hardy than other small maples, like Japanese (*A. palmatum*), fullmoon (*A. japonicum*) and paperbark maples (*A. griseum*).

Notes: Noted plant explorer E.H. Wilson collected seed from this species on the Korean peninsula in 1917. These seeds were grown at the Arnold Arboretum near Boston and it is there that the oldest specimen in America lives. In his field notes Wilson described this tree as “perhaps the best capture” of this trip to Asia.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec